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Classified By: Anne W. Patterson, Reasons 1.4 (b), (d)

- [11](#). (C) Summary: National Security Adviser Aziz told Ambassador February 15 that he, Musharraf, and ISI Director Taj have met several times with
 - [12](#). (C) On February 15, NSA Tariq Aziz told Ambassador that in the past four days he has met twice with Zardari, who asked him for "advice" on w
 - [13](#). (C) Aziz said he encouraged Zardari to support Amin Faheem for PM. Zardari complained that Faheem is a poor administrator who lacks the ski
 - [14](#). (C) Zardari seemed to be pushing PPP Punjab President Shah Mehmood Qureshi as a possible PM candidate. Aziz was less enthusiastic with this
 - [15](#). (C) Although they recently held a joint press conference, Zardari claimed Nawaz Sharif was "pestering him." Aziz expressed great concern to
 - [16](#). (C) Comment: Aziz was clearly depressed and pessimistic about the possibility that Musharraf's party could hold on to power in the next gov
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